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SPREAD OF DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion fixed by the Government for declaring a disease as an epidemic;

(b) the names of diseases spread in the country during the last two years; and

(c) the details of the diseases out of them declared as epidemic, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a): An epidemic is defined as the unusual occurrence of a disease, specific health related behaviour or other health-related events in a community or region, clearly in excess of expected occurrence.

(b)&(c): During the last two years, National Institute of Communicable Diseases investigated reported outbreaks of diseases like Japanese Encephalitis, Chickungunya, Avian Influenza, Meningococal Meningitis. However, none of them was declared as epidemic by the State Governments.